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For: IMAGE ENCODING DEVICE AND IMAGE DECODING DEVICE

Enclosed are:

$\boxtimes$	A specification consisting of Fifty-Seven (57) pages						
$\boxtimes$	Twenty-Nine (29) sheet(s) of formal drawings						
$\boxtimes$	An assignment of the invention						
	Certified copy of Priority Document(s)						
$\boxtimes$	Executed Declaration 🛛 Original 🗌 Photocopy						
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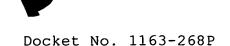
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